

Amendment "A"

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 2 of the specification with the following paragraph:

--In normal printing operation, a print job is typically transferred via the network 180 from the client computer 120 to the print queue in the peripheral server 140. The print queue in the peripheral server 140 then transfers the print job via the network 180 to the peripheral 160. This two step process is necessary because only the peripheral server 140 is directly visible to the client computer 120. When the client computer 120 must communicate directly with the peripheral 160, such as when the peripheral 160 is used in a non-printing (e.g., scanning) capacity, then the client computer 120 sends a command to the peripheral server 140, telling the peripheral server 140 to instruct the peripheral 160 to inform the client computer 120 of the network address of the peripheral 160. The command from the client computer 120 to the peripheral 140 preferably includes the network address of the client computer 120. The instruction from the peripheral server 140 to the peripheral 160 forwards this network address. The command is preferably guised as a print job; that is, the command is preferably embedded in a print job that does not cause any output. When the peripheral 160 receives the network address of the client computer 120, then the peripheral 160 can send a message to the client computer 120, informing the client computer 120 of the peripheral's (160) address. Details of this method are explained below with reference to Figure 3.--

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